origin and free and easy flow of currency between the two countries; if not the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Both these issues were taken up with the Government of Nepal during Prime Minister's visit. They undertook to ensure equal treatment, as compared to their Nepalese counterparts, for Indian teachers working in Nepal. They also agreed to remove the remaining restrictions on free flow of Indian currency from Nepal to India.

Nepalese residents of Northern parts of West Bengal

953. SHRI KAPIL VERMA:
SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:
KUMARI SAYEEDA KHATUN:

Will he Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some of the Nepalese residents of northern parts of West Bengal, who had crossed over to adjoining Bhutan, have been pushed back by the Bhutanese army into Dooars region of West Bengal; if so, whether there is some unrest because of this in that area;

(b) whether the West Bengal Government was invited by the Bhutan Government for discussion; if so, the outcome thereof; and

(c) what steps Government have taken in the matter?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) No, Sir. A delegation led by the Bhutanese Foreign Minister did, however, have discussions with the senior officials of the Union Government and the Government of West Bengal in Calcutta recently. Various steps to tackle day-to-day problems in the border areas due to the unrest in Southern Bhutan were agreed upon. Government also reiterated its commitment not to allow the Indian territory to be used for activities directed against friendly Bhutan.

Satyagrah of Baba Amte

954. SHRI ANANTRAY DEVSHANKER DAVE: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Baba Amte had started 'Satyagrah' to stop the construction work of Sardar Sarovar on "Narmada dam";

(b) if so, what type of assurance has been given to Baba by Central Government; and

(c) whether Central Government is going to change the height of Sardar Sarovar Dam?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI MANUBHAI KOTADIA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No assurance has been given to Baba Amte or to anybody else by the Central Government.

(c) No, Sir.

Demands of extra departmental agents

955. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the pending demands of Extra Departmental Agents with Government; and

(b) what is Government's reaction thereto and by when the decision is likely to be taken?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS AND THE DEPUTY MINISTER OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI JAI PARKASH): (a) and (b) The main demands